

## Senate Resolution 16 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

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1 A Resolution calling for a moratorium on the closing of  
2 United States Postal Service offices in Iowa.

3 WHEREAS, in its most recent fiscal year, the United  
4 States Postal Service sustained the largest net  
5 operating loss in its history, and in response has  
6 begun the process of closing up to 2,000 local post  
7 offices; and

8 WHEREAS, in Iowa some 70 post offices are in the  
9 process or under threat of closing; and

10 WHEREAS, the closings of the offices will have  
11 a devastating impact on the communities which they  
12 serve; and

13 WHEREAS, there is significant question whether the  
14 cost of providing service to rural Iowa is a primary  
15 factor in the operating loss; and

16 WHEREAS, before an office is closed it is  
17 essential to determine not only the savings to the  
18 Postal Service, but also the impact on the local  
19 community; and

20 WHEREAS, the loss of a post office not only hinders  
21 the economic development of a community, but also  
22 threatens the health, safety, and welfare of its  
23 residents by causing additional delays in the delivery  
24 of vital medications; NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
26 respectfully requests that the United States Congress  
27 place a moratorium on the closing of post office

1 locations in Iowa and requests that Congress establish  
2 a blue ribbon panel to investigate the causes of the  
3 Postal Service operating losses, the role played by  
4 local offices in creating these losses, the actual cost  
5 to the Postal Service in maintaining these offices,  
6 and the impact on the communities if a local office is  
7 closed; and

8     BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of  
9 the Senate is directed to distribute copies of this  
10 resolution to the Iowa congressional delegation.